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For : FAST DISSOLVING ORALLY CONSUMABLE FILMS CONTAINING AN ION EXCHANGE AS A TASTE MASKING AGENT

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Applicants are aware of sales in Japan of rapidly dissolving films believed to be made from pullulan under the commercial names of "Herbleaf" and possibly others, more than one year prior to the filing date of this application. Applicants are not aware of the exact composition of these films but are aware that these were used for breath freshening.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, a copy of each of the listed references or relevant portion thereof is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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